

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-11 (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) An image processing system, comprising:

an image processing apparatus which reads image data of an original and converts thus read image data into converted image data using a file format which is determined from among plural file formats and which includes an adding unit that adds an imaging processing command to the converted image data only when permitted to do so by a judging unit; and

an image receiving apparatus which receives from said image processing apparatus the converted image data, and when the image processing command has been added to the converted image data thus received, performs upon thus received converted image data an image processing which corresponds to the image processing command thus added;

wherein said image processing apparatus further comprises:

a storage unit which stores information regarding the plural file formats, said information including whether or not said plural file formats permit addition of the image processing command to the converted image data; and

the judging unit which judges whether or not the file format of the converted image data has said information in said storage unit that permits addition of the image processing command to the converted image data, and

said judging unit only permits addition by said adding unit of the image processing command to the converted image data ~~only~~ when said judging unit judges that the file format of the converted image has said information in said storage unit that permits addition of the image processing command to the converted image data.

13. (Previously presented) An image processing apparatus which reads image data of an original and converts thus read image data into converted image data using a file format which is determined from among plural file formats and which includes an adding unit that adds an imaging processing command to the converted image data only when permitted to do so by a judging unit, said image processing apparatus further comprising:

a storage unit which stores information regarding the plural file formats, said information including whether or not said plural file formats permit addition of the image processing command to the converted image data; and

the judging unit which judges whether or not the file format of the converted image data has said information in said storage unit that permits addition of the image processing command to the converted image data,

wherein said judging unit only permits addition by said adding unit of the image processing command to the converted image data when the judging unit judges that the file format of the converted image has said information in said storage unit that permits addition of the image processing command to the converted image data.

14. (Previously presented) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 13, wherein at least one of the file formats which permits addition of the image processing command to the converted image data is PDF (Portable Document Format).

15. (Previously presented) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 13, further comprising a determining unit which determines, in accordance with a load condition, whether to enable the judging unit to operate or to prevent the judging unit from operating to insure that there is no addition of the image processing command to the converted image data regardless of the information in said storage unit.

16. (Previously presented) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 13, further comprising a sending unit which sends the converted image data.

17. (Previously presented) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 16, wherein at least one of the file formats which permits addition of the image processing command to the converted image data is a file format in which a destination of the converted image data can execute the image processing command.

18. (Previously presented) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 16,

wherein at least one of the file formats which permits addition of the image processing command to the converted image data is PDF (Portable Document Format).

19. (Previously presented) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 16, further comprising a determining unit which determines, in accordance with a load condition, whether to enable the judging unit to operate or to prevent the judging unit from operating to insure that there is no addition of the image processing command to the converted image data regardless of the information in said storage unit.

20. (Previously presented) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 16, wherein said sending unit sends an electronic mail to which the converted image data is attached.

21. (Previously presented) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 20, wherein at least one of the file formats which permits addition of the image processing command to the converted image data is a file format in which a destination of the converted image data can execute the image processing command.

22. (Previously presented) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 20, wherein the at least one of the file formats which permits addition of the image processing command to the converted image data is PDF (Portable Document Format).

23. (Previously presented) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 20, further comprising a determining unit which determines, in accordance with a load condition, whether to enable the judging unit to operate or to prevent the judging unit from operating to insure that there is no addition of the image processing command to the converted image data regardless of the information in said storage unit.

24. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus which reads image data of an original and converts thus read image data into converted image data using a file format which is determined from among plural file formats and which includes an adding unit that adds an

imaging processing command to the converted image data only when permitted to do so by a judging unit, said image processing apparatus comprising:

a storage unit which stores information regarding the plural file formats, said information including whether or not said plural file formats prohibit addition of the image processing command to the read-converted image data; and

the judging unit judges whether or not the file format of the converted image data has said information in said storage unit that prohibits addition of the image processing command to the read-converted image data,

wherein when said judging unit judges that the file format of the converted image data has said information in said storage unit that prohibits addition of the image processing command to the converted image data, said judging unit prohibits addition by said adding unit of the image processing command to the read-converted image data.

25. (Previously presented) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 24, wherein at least one of the file formats which prohibits addition of the image processing command to the converted image data is TIFF (Tagged Image File Format).

26. (Previously presented) An image processing method according to which an image processing apparatus, which comprises a controller which performs image processing control including control of an adding unit to permit the adding unit to add an image processing command to converted image data and control of reading image data of an original and conversion of the thus read image data into said converted image data using a file format which is determined from among plural file formats, said image processing method comprising steps of:

disposing to said image processing apparatus a storage unit which stores information regarding said plural file formats, said information including whether or not said file formats permit addition of the image processing command to the converted image data;

making said controller judge whether or not the file format of the converted image data has at least said information in said storage unit that permits addition of the image processing command to the converted image data; and

making said controller permit addition by said adding unit of the image processing

command to the converted image data only when it is judged that the file format of the converted image data has said information in said storage unit that permits addition of the image processing command to the converted image data.

27. (Currently amended) An image processing method according to which an image processing apparatus, which comprises a controller which performs image processing control including control of an adding unit to prohibit the adding unit from adding an image processing command to converted image data and control of reading of image data of an original and conversion of the thus read image data into said converted image data using a file format which is determined from among plural file formats, said image processing method comprising steps of:

disposing to said image processing apparatus a storage unit which stores information regarding said plural file formats, said information including whether or not said file formats prohibit addition of the image processing command to the converted image data;

making said controller judge whether or not the file format of the converted image data has said information in said storage unit that prohibits addition of the image processing command to the converted image data; and

making said controller prohibit addition by said adding unit of the image processing command to the converted image data only when it is judged that the file format that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit that prohibits addition of the image processing command to the ~~read-converted~~ image data.